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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, PARM, UR

SUBJECT: ER WARHEAD: BREZHNEV LETTER

REFS: (A) STATE 11768; (B) USNATO 416; (C) USNATO 545;
(D) USNATO 572; (E) USNATO 626

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EADS OF GOVERNMENT ON THE ER WARHEAD, FOR JANUARY 24 SPC.

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